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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Malawi led by H.E. Minister Samuel Tembenu and the presentation of its National Report.

South Africa recognizes that Malawi is at a key stage in its development trajectory and has made progress in the achievement of the MDGs under its Vision 2020 and the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS II). We further encourage implementation of these important initiatives with a view to addressing key challenges in the country.

South Africa encourages Malawi to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfilment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and recommends the following:

- 1) Strengthen efforts on the implementation of the Gender Equality Act;
- 2) Strengthen cooperation with United Nations Human Rights Council Treaty Monitoring Bodies; and
- 3) Continue efforts in the provision of free and compulsory education.

We wish Malawi a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.